GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2852
ANSWERED ON:03.09.2007
AUDITING OF NATIONAL DAIRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Patil Shri Pratik Prakashbapu

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the accounts of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) are audited by Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) or any other Government Agency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding misuse of public money by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB);

(d) if so, the facts in this regard;

(e) whether the Government is considering to conduct high level enquiry into the functioning of NDDB; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MFNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. As per NDDB Act, the accounts of the National Dairy Development Board are audited by auditors duly qualified to act as auditors of companies under the Companies Act. The appointment of auditors is approved by the Government on the recommendation of the NDDB Board.

(c)&(d): No specific complaints regarding misuse of public money has been received. However, some complaints regarding land allotment to Mother Dairy, allegations regarding diverting of funds to general reserve, formation of subsidiary companies and other allegations about functioning of NDDB as at Annexure-I have been received in the past and were looked into from time, to time.

(e)&(f): No, Sir. No such proposal is under consideration.` However, some of the complaints referred at annexure-I are being handled by CBI/CVC and Ministry of Finance for which Department`s input has gone.

Annexure-I

DETAILS OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST NDDB REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA QUESTION NO.2852 FOR 3-9-2007.

1. Complaint from Shri Lalmani Prasad, MP(LS) addressed to CBI and CVC alleging land scam in respect of land given to Mother Dairy, Delhi.

2. Complaints from Shri Mahendra Singh, Ex. MP(LS) making various allegation including diversion of funds meant for development of oilseeds growers to general reserve.

3. Complaints from Dr. V. Kurien, Ex. Chairman, NDDB regarding formation of subsidiary companies by NDDB and other issues through PMO.

4. Complaints from Dr. V. Kurien, Ex. Chairman, NDDB making various allegations including formation of subsidiaries, transfer of funds raised for promotion for dairy, oilseeds and other cooperative to general reserve of NDDB and further investment in its subsidiary etc.

5. Complaints from Dr. V. Kurien, Ex. Chairman, NDDB regarding functioning of NDDB through PMO and Ministry of Finance.

6. Letter addressed by Dr. Kurien to Hon`ble PM received through PMO regarding the affairs of NDDB.